

# The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

## Gazette

May 2010

**PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear**

**PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse**

### AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker for the night will be Sophie Thompson.

#### **BEGINNERS' CLASS:**

The Beginners' Class will be held before the main meeting. The presenter, John Robinson will talk on Cymbidiums. Please be in attendance upstairs in the Recreation Room at 7.15 pm for a 7.20 pm start.

#### **PENCILLERS' GROUP:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 pm before main meeting upstairs in the Recreation Room Kitchen area. Presenter: Noel Oliver. Please bring pen and book.

#### **DAYTIME CHAPTER:**

The next meeting is to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 2 pm. The Guest speaker will be Peter Flavel talking on Gemstones.

#### **SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP:**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 2 pm at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. The Guest Speaker will be Brian Matthews speaking on Animals.

#### **2010 COMMITTEE**

##### **Executive Committee**

President:	Geoffrey Spear
Senior Vice President:	Donna Meeuwsen
Vice President/Editor:	Rod McRedmond
Treasurer:	Judy McRedmond
Secretary and Show Marshall:	Lucy Spear

##### **Committee Members:**

Dorothy Carassai	Daytime Chapter Convenor & Asst. Show Marshall
Pauline and Mark Hockey	Trading Table
George Misirlis	
Trevor Stutley	
Andrew Lutz	
Marie Bravery	
<b>Patron:</b>	Syd Monkhouse
<b>Public Officer:</b>	Lucy Spear

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## **SHOW DETAILS FOR MAIN GROUP AND SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP**

Our **Autumn Show** will be held at Centro Colonnades, Beach Road, Noarlunga Centre, on the following dates:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 11am to 5pm  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May Shopping Hours

Our **Winter Show** will be held at the Castle Plaza Shopping Centre, 992 South Road, Edwardstown (on the corner of Raglan Avenue) on the following dates:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 11am to 5pm  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July Shopping Hours

The **Spring Show** will be held at Centro Arndale Shopping Centre, 470 Torrens Road, Kilkenny at the following dates:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 11am to 5pm  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September Shopping Hours

The **Winter Show** for the ***Southern Regional Group*** will be held at the RSL Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor at the following dates:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 12pm to 5pm  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 3.30pm

## **SHOWING YOUR ORCHIDS**

Members who wish to show plants must be financial. Your number and name of plant must be on appropriate coloured labels: 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Yellow 1<sup>st</sup> Division Buff Open Division Green.

## **PUBLIC LIABILITY**

Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

## **LUCKY NAME BADGE**

Make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!

## **BIRTHDAY DRAW**

Put your name in the Birthday Book. You may win a prize!

## **BEGINNERS GROUP PROGRAMME MAIN MEETING 2010**

The Club's Beginners' Class needs a member with a wide knowledge of all genera to be prepared each month to sit in on Beginners' Class and share his/her knowledge with fellow members. In the past we have had a different member each month to talk at the class, and this has worked very well. However, there is always room for improvement and we feel that by having one instructor the needs of the newer growers may be better catered for.

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	John Robinson	Cymbidiums – Housing and Caring for Collection
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trevor Garard	Zygopetalums
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Lyttle	Oncidiums
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Bourne	Paphiopedilums
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	Australian Native Epiphytes
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Western	Australian Native Cymbidiums
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TBA	Australian Native Terrestrials

### **SOCIAL CALENDAR 2010**

8<sup>th</sup> June Visit Vili's Pies 9.30am 2-14 Manchester Street, Mile End.

### **ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2010**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May to Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Autumn Show at Centro Colonnades</b> Judging and Put in: Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>S.A.R.O.C. Fair at Pulteney Grammar School</b> Put In: Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Winter Show at Castle Plaza</b> corner South Road and Raglan Street, Edwardstown. Judging on 24 <sup>th</sup> July.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>Bus Trip/Plant House visit.</b> Moss and Rosemary Bray's, Virginia Nursery at Burton (Lunch), Noel Oliver
TBA	<b>Main Group Workshop</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Southern Group Workshop</b> 10.30am Elsie and Reg Clifford's home
26 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Southern Regional Group Show, R.S.L. Hall,</b> Coral Street, Victor Harbor.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Spring Show at Centro Arndale,</b> 470 Torrens Road, Kilkenny. Judging Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Plant House Visit.</b> Fisher Family, Valley Orchids and Jane & Don Higgs, Myponga.

### **AUTUMN SHOW TIME**

Let's make this a spectacular Show. The Committee needs the assistance of members.

1. Volunteers to help on Trading Table.
2. Ask Dorothy for Swing Tickets and Selling Sheets
3. Flowering Orchid Plants for display, prepared in Show condition with clean pots. Please do not water plants on the day you put in the Show, the day before is better. Committee will look after your plants' needs while in the Show.
4. Trading Table plants must be in good condition with clean pots. You may bring in plants not in flower, but please include a photo of bloom.
5. Most importantly, a Committee member will ring a member if for any reason they feel their plant may be starting to show stress.
6. Remember you must be a financial member to show your plants.

### **PRIZE MONEY**

Members will be pleased to know that the committee has reinstated prize money at our Shows. The Grand Champion will receive \$15.00 and all other Champions \$5 excluding Champion of Open, First and Second Divisions.

### **AUTUMN SHOW JUDGING**

Autumn Show Judging will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 Hamilton School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park. Put in Orchids for judging at 12 noon. Judging commences At 1 pm.

**AUTUMN SHOW CENTRO COLONNADES** Beach Road, Corner of Goldsmith Drive and Noarlunga Centre, Spargos Mall (Same as last year)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 5.15pm Put in Show**

Members may pick up plants at Hamilton School and bring them to the Shopping Centre. Prior arrangements will need to be made with Tony Fisher or Geoff Spear for them to transport your plants.

**5.30pm** Committee only allowed in Store.

### **TRADING TABLE PLANTS FOR CENTRO COLONNADES**

5.15pm to 5.30pm Saturday night 1<sup>st</sup> May

10am to 10.30am only on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Remember Sunday 2nd May is your best selling day. Plants will also be accepted during the week. Please members give this your full support. Our Mothers' Day Show is very special we have been showing our plants at Colonnades for over 30 years. Customers start ringing Centro in early March asking the dates of our Show.

### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR MAY**

The Committee wishes the following members 'Happy Birthday'

Anne Campbell, Lea Fisher, Geoff Spear, Helen Western and Maureen Zoladziewski.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the May Gazette. Our Autumn Show is only a few days away. Committee members are very sure that this is going to be one of our best Shows. Members are very excited about the amount of flowering orchids they will hopefully have out for judging on 1<sup>st</sup> day of May. The big question is who will be the owner of the Grand Champion!!!! Over the past month we have seen some exciting orchids from 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

Good luck to all the Division growers. We have found a new supplier for our ribbons upgrading the colour and quality. Also prize money has been re-instated.

Please members, this is our first Show for 2010 and we need your input to make this Show a great success. Centro once again has had customers ringing them asking for our return.

Lucy and Dorothy have been buying orchid trading table plants (always a difficult job this time of the year) and they have found a new supplier with great plants.

Sophie Thompson is your guest speaker this month, a very popular guest speaker and always in great demand.

Good growing and showing,

Geoff.

### **S.A.R.O.C. FAIR 2010**

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon to 5pm

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon to 4pm

Pulteney Grammar School Hall, 190, South Terrace, Adelaide.

- Orchid competitions,
- Orchid raffle,
- Orchid sales by leading S.A. commercial growers,
- Workshop and potting demonstrations.
- Interstate grower "Orchids on Newbold" proprietor Steven Stebbings.
- Sausage Sizzle and Devonshire Tea.
- \$2.00 admission includes complimentary cup of tea/coffee.

Put in on Friday night June 11<sup>th</sup> time TBA.

Dinner Saturday night Regency Park Tavern, Days Road, Regency Park. Bookings essential.

Please phone Lucy on 8381 4420.

**NEW MEMBERS**

The President and Committee on behalf of all members welcome **Joy Ward** to the South Coast Orchid Club of S.A. Inc.

**FROM OUR AFFILIATED CLUBS**

**ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC** meets in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Trevor Garard	Phalaenopsis
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Steve Walker	Frogs

**Daytime Group meets at the above venue at 2pm**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Phillip Smoult	Horticultural Supplies
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Ron Yates	Oncidiums

**Diary Dates for the 2010 Season**

9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> July	Winter Show – Enfield Community Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Spring Show – Adelaide Showground
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Socialising with “Sarcs” Enfield Community Centre

**MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB INC.**

Meetings to be held at 1.45pm in Johnston Park combined Club Hall, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Graham Morris	“Cymbidium News”
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to the Riverland Orchid Society – Barmera	
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Clubs’ 25 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations. Lunch and meeting at the Golf Clubrooms. Bookings essential.	
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Our Winter Show weekend so no meeting at our hall.	

***APOLOGY***

Due to the unexpected death of a close family member our editor Rod McRedmond is in Melbourne this week and the Committee is unable to publish the Club Gazette in its usual format.

People who submit articles to the Club for inclusion in our Gazette express opinions which are not necessarily those of the Club.

No guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas and opinions expressed in these articles.

Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.

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### SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB MEETING DATES

#### May 2010

5 Main Meeting - Sophie Thompson  
13 Daytime Chapter  
16 Sthn Regional Group – Brian Matthews

#### June 2010

2 Main Meeting – Workshop  
10 Daytime Chapter  
20 Sthn Regional Group – Trevor Garard

#### July 2010

7 Main Meeting – Shadehouses  
8 Daytime Chapter  
18 Sthn Regional Group

#### Aug 2010

4 Main Meeting – Interstate Speaker  
Clive Hall of Mt Beenak Orchids  
12 Daytime Chapter  
15 Sthn Regional Group

#### Sept 2010

1 Main Meeting – Trevor Garard  
9 Daytime Chapter  
19 Sthn Regional Group

#### Oct 2010

6 Main Meeting – Graham Zerbe  
14 Daytime Chapter  
17 Sthn Regional Group

#### Nov 2010

3 Main Meeting – Jane Higgs  
11 Daytime Group  
21 Sthn Regional Group

#### Dec 2010

1 Main Meeting – Leslie Gunn at  
the Christmas breakup  
9 Daytime Chapter  
19 Sthn Regional Group

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## DAYTIME CHAPTER

Our guest speaker for April was Mr Brian Lyttle who has been a member of our Club for a few years now and is very involved with growing many different genera. He brings his plants to the Club to sell to the members who are very happy to purchase these truly colourful and spectacular plants.

Brian's Power Point Presentation was very well received by all the members who gained an insight into the growing of *Oncidiums*. Information was also given as to what growing conditions were suitable for the plants. The different shapes, colours and markings on the flowers were amazing. Brian also brought along a few plants for sale that some of the members took advantage of. Thanks Brian for a lovely and informative presentation.

Our members really excelled themselves again this month, bringing in lots of beautiful plants for us all to see. All well grown and nicely presented. Congratulations to you all.

Mr Lance Davis won the popular vote segment with his lovely species *Cattleya bowringiana*. A plant with 3 large clusters of pale mauve flowers with a darker labellum. Congratulations Lance. Well done.

Geoff once again gave the plant commentary. Thank you Geoff.

Our meeting was closed after another successful day. Thank you all for attending.

Bye

Dorothy

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## A SHORT PROFILE

Written by Peter Flavel

I have been a member of Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club for over 36 years and in that time I have served nearly every year on the Executive Committee, the Competitions Committee and the Exhibition Committee. I have had 2 terms as president (3 years and 2 years). I have also been Editor of the Club Magazine for a number of years. I have also taught faceting at the Club for a number of years.

I have been awarded Life Membership.

I have also attended classes at the Club and learned lapidary workmanship, silver and gold smithing and casting. I have entered my work in Club Competitions and have received gold medals for the workmanship.

I have found that being in the Club has been very rewarding and have enjoyed being a member.

I joined the South Coast Orchid Club as another interest as Geraldine, my wife, had already joined and we had a lot of success in growing different genera. Some of our plants have been awarded.

I will be giving a presentation on my interest in gems at the Daytime Chapter in May.

Peter Flavel

## SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

At the April meeting your guest speaker Geoff Spear spoke about Cymbidiums. Geoff has had an interest in many different hobbies, but all hobbies were forgotten when he saw his first cymbidium, a love affair lasting 30 years.

In the very early 80's Geoff joined South Coast Orch Club and has been a committee member for 15 years. At different intervals over this time he held various positions – committee member 6 years, Vice President 2 years, and President 7 years. Although during this time Geoff has become interested in all genera, his favourite is still Cymbidiums.

Members, our first show for 2010 judging is on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please phone Lucy on 8381 4420 then we can organise for your plants to be put in for judging, or you may have plants to sell on the trading table. Please make sure if they are not in flower to include a photo, you can bring them along when you come down to see the Show.

The May meeting is not about orchids, but you will find your guests Brian and Eleanor a delightful couple who are very interesting people to chat with. (Eleanor grows Orchids). Brian's presentation is one not to be missed, all about releasing animals into the wild. Happy growing.



Plant of April Meeting  
Oncidium Unknown (3 spikes)

grown by G. Noll(578)



## Southern Regional Group April Competition

### Second Division

#### *Australian Native species*

1<sup>st</sup> *Lyparis reflexa* grown by J. Crafter (1175)

#### *Australian Native Hybrid*

1<sup>st</sup> Den. Hilda Poxon grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern' grown by E. Pinnock (519)

#### *Cym 60-90mm*

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Hawaiian Gold 'Right On' grown by J. Crafter (1175)

#### *All Cattleya Alliance*

1<sup>st</sup> *Encyclia cochleata* grown by R. Clifford & Family (567)

#### *Laeliinae <100mm*

1<sup>st</sup> *C. Browniae* 'Val' grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

#### *Laeliinae >100mm*

1<sup>st</sup> *C. Purpurata* 'Blue Boy' grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

2<sup>nd</sup> *C. Unknown* grown by N. Cockington (402)

#### *Oncidiinae hybrid*

1<sup>st</sup> *Onc. Unknown* grown by G. Noll(572)

#### *Zygopetalum hybrid*

1<sup>st</sup> *Z. Artur Elle* 'Aranel' grown by R. Clifford & Family (567)

## April 2010 Main Monthly Meeting Results.)

### Plant Commentary, April 2010 Meeting.

**Flower of Second Division and Flower of the Night:** *Cym. dayanum* grown by George Misirlis. A large specimen plant with 20+ inflorescences with most or all flowers open and a number of spikes still in bud with inflorescences cascading down around the pot. Flowers were 30 – 40mm wide and 40mm tall. Sepals and petals were cream with a maroon stripe along the midline and the labellum was red around the edge with a yellow centre.

**Flower of First Division:** *Ctna. Hunabu Fairy Flare* 'Joyleen' benched by Rito and Rosetta Silvestri. The plant displayed five inflorescences, three with all flowers (6, 5 and 5) open and the other two with 3 flowers fully open and two and four buds still to open. Sepals and petals were mainly of a similar shade of deep purple changing to pink/cream at their base and the labellum shaded to deeper purple towards the base.

**Flower of Open Division:** *Onc. trulliferum* grown by Richard and Beryl Wilson. A well grown example of this species bearing two much branched inflorescences carrying some 78 and 54 flowers. The yellow sepals were small, the petals yellow with some light brown barring, both being complimented by the showy yellow labellum. The particular interest in this plant was that originally the label had been lost and some years ago Richard had been told that it was the species *Onc. ampliatum* even though he felt it was not correct. The judges on the night were able to correct the name after checking with books and Orchid Wiz.

**Judges Roster:**      **Panel #1.**      John Gay, Graham Zerbe, Wendy lodge  
Penciller: Geraldine Flavel.

**Panel #2.**      Noel Oliver, Colin Campbell  
Penciller: Peter Flavel

### **Testing for virus in your orchids.**

A member of the virus advisory group can be contacted if you have any concerns about virus in your orchids.

Members of the advisory group include –David Harmer, Pat Harmer, Ron Yates, Ron Parish, Kel Staples, John Gay, Graham Zerbe and Richard Fishlock.

It is suggested that you bring a suspect leaf in a plastic bag to an orchid meeting so that it can be considered.

This will be a guide to your next step!

If you feel that the orchid is worth the cost of electron microscope testing,  
our recommendation is to post a sample of your leaf in a plastic bag, to:

**Peter Cross**  
**Plant Virologist**  
**13 St. John's Avenue**  
**NEW TOWN**  
**TASMANIA 7008**  
**AUSTRALIA**

The cost per leaf test is \$18.70 – and needs to be included in the envelope.

In about a week from your action, you will receive a detailed report in writing about the electron microscope test that has been conducted along with a receipt for your money.

Recently a leaf, belonging to a member was badly marked, suspecting that a virus was present. The good news came back that it had no virus, it was a fungus that can develop when there is not enough air movement to dry the moisture from a leaf.

Richard Fishlock for the virus advisory group.

#### **RESULTS – MAIN MEETING**

The results of the benching of plants at the main meeting with photos of the winning plants will be published in the June Gazette.  
We regret any inconvenience.